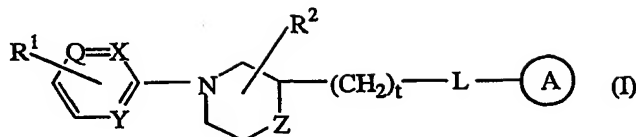


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Claims

1. A compound of formula (I),



the *N*-oxide forms, the pharmaceutically acceptable addition salts and the stereochemically isomeric forms thereof, wherein

t is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4 and when *t* is 0 then a direct bond is intended;

each Q is nitrogen or —C= ;

each X is nitrogen or —C= ;

each Y is nitrogen or —C= ;

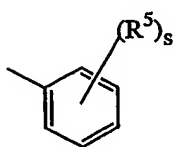
each Z is —NH— , —O— or $\text{—CH}_2\text{—}$;

R^1 is —C(O)NR^3R^4 , —NHC(O)R^7 , $\text{—C(O)—C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)N(OH)R}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C}_{1-6}\text{alkanediylSR}^7$, $\text{—NR}^8\text{C(O)C=N(OH)R}^7$ or another Zn-chelating-group wherein R^3 and R^4 are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ or aminoaryl;
 R^7 is hydrogen, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylcarbonyl}$, aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylpyrazinyl}$, pyridinone, pyrrolidinone or methylimidazolyl;
 R^8 is hydrogen or $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$;

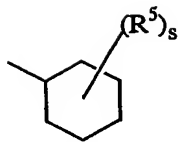
R^2 is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxy}$, aryl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, aminocarbonyl, hydroxycarbonyl, amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, aminocarbonyl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, hydroxycarbonyl $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, hydroxyaminocarbonyl, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxycarbonyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkylaminoC}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ or di($\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$)amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$;

—L— is a bivalent radical selected from $\text{—NR}^9\text{C(O)—}$, $\text{—NR}^9\text{SO}_2\text{—}$ or $\text{—NR}^9\text{CH}_2\text{—}$ wherein R^9 is hydrogen, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{3-10}\text{cycloalkyl}$, hydroxy $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$, $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyloxyC}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$ or di($\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$)amino $\text{C}_{1-6}\text{alkyl}$;

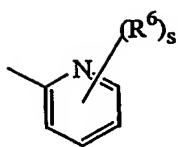
$\text{—}\text{A}$ is a radical selected from



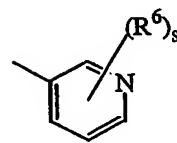
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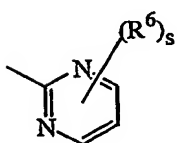
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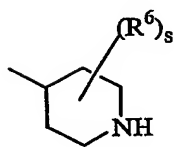
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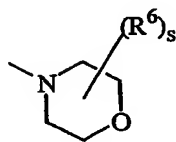
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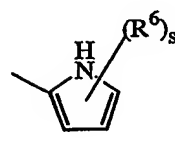
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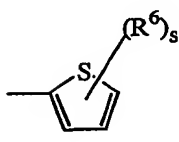


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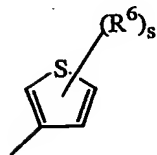


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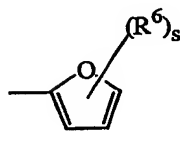
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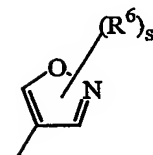
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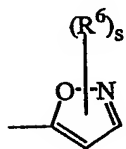
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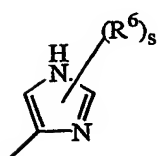
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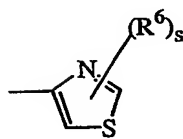
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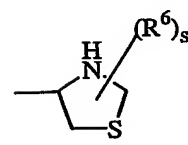
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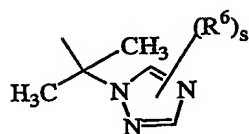
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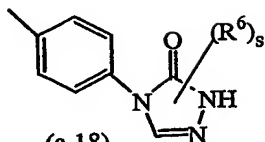
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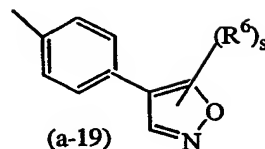
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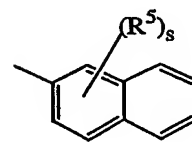
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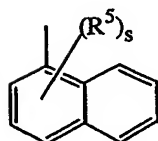


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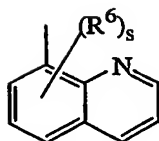


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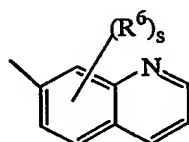
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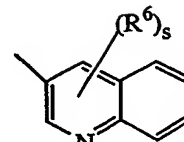
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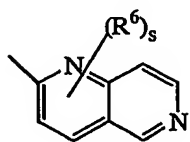


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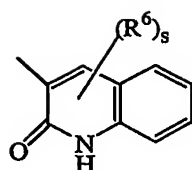


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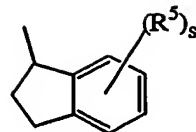
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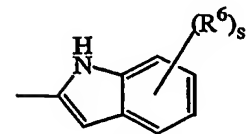
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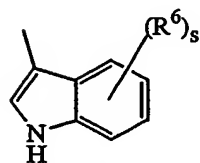
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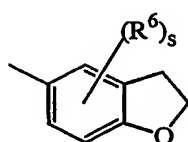
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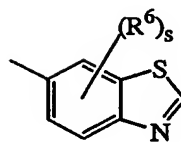
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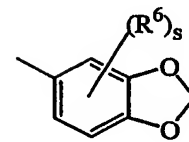
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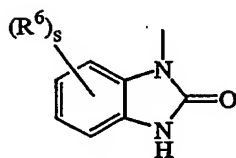
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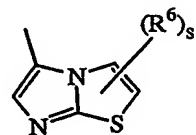
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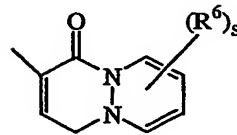
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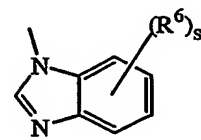
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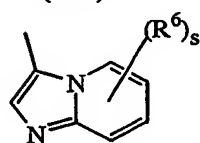


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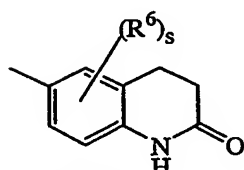


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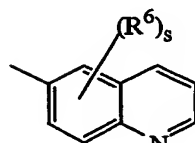
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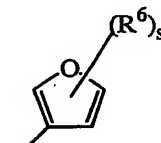
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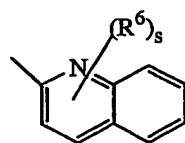
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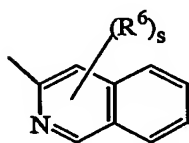
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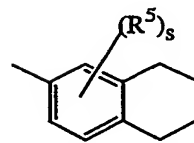
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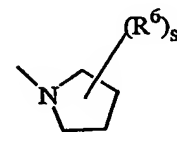
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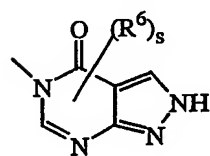
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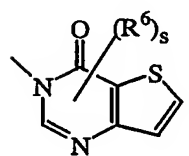
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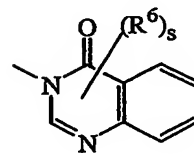
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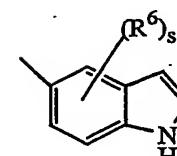
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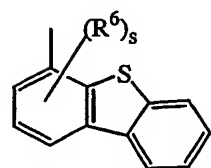


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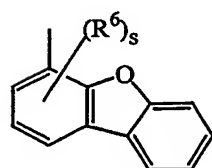


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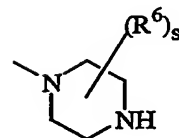
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wherein each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5;

each R⁵ and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro;

trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyl substituted with aryl and

C₃₋₁₀cycloalkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl;

5 C₁₋₆alkyloxy carbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl;

hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylamino; aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (aryl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino;

10 aryloxy; aryloxyC₁₋₆alkyl; arylC₂₋₆alkenediyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

15 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl;

thiophenyl substituted with

20 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

25 C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl, morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl,

hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, or di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;

furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl; imidazolyl;

oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl;

pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinyl; C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl;

30 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy;

morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;

morpholinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; piperazinyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;

C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; piperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;

naphtalenylsulfonylpiperazinyl; naphtalenylsulfonylpiperidinyl; naphtalenylsulfonyl;

35 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylamino;

C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylsulfonyl;

aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;

aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;

- di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl;
C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;
piperidinylaminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
5 (C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino;
(C₁₋₆alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
10 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl
substituted with two substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl;
pyridinyl; pyridinyl substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl;
tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinyl; tetrahydropyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
15 quinolinyll; indole; phenyl; phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents
independently selected from halo, amino, nitro, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy,
hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, trifluoromethyl, trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
C₁₋₄alkylsulfonyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxycarbonyl,
aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
20 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminocarbonyl,
di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
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di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
25 aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylamino(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, cyano,
piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
30 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl,
hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxypiperidinyl,
C₁₋₄alkyloxypiperidinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl,
hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
35 (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, furanyl,
furanyl substituted with -CH=CH-CH=CH-, pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinyl, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,

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- morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 morpholinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl, piperazinyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, piperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 5 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl, pyrimidinylpiperazinyl,
 pyrimidinylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 piperidinylaminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino,
 (C₁₋₄alkylpiperidinyl)(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylaminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 10 pyridinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylamino, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, or thiophenylC₁₋₄alkylamino;
 each R⁵ and R⁶ can be placed on the nitrogen in replacement of the hydrogen;
- 15 aryl in the above is phenyl, or phenyl substituted with one or more substituents each
 independently selected from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, trifluoromethyl, cyano or
 hydroxycarbonyl.
- 20 2. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein
 R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl,
 aminoC₁₋₆alkyl or aminoaryl;
- (A) is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-2), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8),
 (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19),
 25 (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-27), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30),
 (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41),
 (a-42) (a-43) or (a-44);
- each R⁵ and R⁶ are independently selected from hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro;
 trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 30 C₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; cyanoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxy; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylamino;
 aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminocarbonyl; di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)amino;
 arylC₁₋₆alkyl)amino; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkylamino; arylsulfonyl; arylsulfonylamino; aryloxy;
 35 arylC₂₋₆alkenediyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino;
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; cyano; thiophenyl;
 thiophenyl substituted with di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl,

di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl or
 di(hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; furanyl; imidazolyl; C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl;
 tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; morpholinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 5 morpholinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy;
 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylsulfonyle;
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl;
 di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 10 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinyl;
 C₁₋₆alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₆alkyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;
 hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyloxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₆alkyl;
 (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; (hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl)(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 pyrrolidinylC₁₋₆alkyloxy; pyrazolyl; thiopyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with two
 15 substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl
 substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole; phenyl;
 phenyl substituted with one, two or three substituents independently selected from
 halo, amino, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl, trifluoromethyl,
 trifluoromethyloxy, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy, C₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 20 aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyloxy, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl, piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinyl,
 25 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, C₁₋₄alkyloxy piperidinyl,
 C₁₋₄alkyloxy piperidinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl,
 hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyloxyC₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)amino, (hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkyl,
 30 pyrrolidinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, morpholinylC₁₋₄alkyl,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinyl, C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy,
 C₁₋₄alkylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyl, hydroxyC₁₋₄alkylamino, di(hydroxyC₁₋₄alkyl)amino,
 di(C₁₋₄alkyl)aminoC₁₋₄alkylamino, aminothiadiazolyl,
 aminosulfonylpiperazinylC₁₋₄alkyloxy, or thiophenylC₁₋₄alkylamino.


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3. A compound as claimed in claim 1 wherein t is 0;

R¹ is -C(O)NR³R⁴, -C(O)-C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁷, -NR⁸C(O)N(OH)R⁷,

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-NR⁸C(O)C₁₋₆alkanediylSR⁷, -NR⁸C(O)C=N(OH)R⁷ or another Zn-chelating-group wherein R³ and R⁴ are each independently selected from hydrogen, hydroxy, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl or aminoC₁₋₆alkyl; R² is hydrogen, hydroxy, amino, hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy, arylC₁₋₆alkyl, aminocarbonyl, aminoC₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkylaminoC₁₋₆alkyl or di(C₁₋₆alkyl)aminoC₁₋₆alkyl;
 5 -L- is a bivalent radical selected from -NHC(O)- or -NHSO₂-;

— is a radical selected from (a-1), (a-3), (a-4), (a-5), (a-6), (a-7), (a-8), (a-9), (a-10), (a-11), (a-12), (a-13), (a-14), (a-15), (a-16), (a-17), (a-18), (a-19), (a-20), (a-21), (a-22), (a-23), (a-24), (a-25), (a-26), (a-28), (a-29), (a-30), (a-31), (a-32), (a-33), (a-34), (a-35), (a-36), (a-37), (a-38), (a-39), (a-40), (a-41), (a-42), (a-44), (a-45), (a-46), (a-47), (a-48) or (a-51);
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each s is independently 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

R⁵ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy;

C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

15 C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano;

thiophenyl; furanyl; furanyl substituted with hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; benzofuranyl;

imidazolyl; oxazolyl; oxazolyl substituted with aryl and C₁₋₆alkyl;

C₁₋₆alkyltriazolyl; tetrazolyl; pyrrolidinyl; pyrrolyl; morpholinyl;

C₁₋₆alkylmorpholinyl; piperazinyl;

20 C₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkylpiperazinyl;

C₁₋₆alkyloxypiperidinyl; pyrazolyl; pyrazolyl substituted with one or two

substituents selected from C₁₋₆alkyl or trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; pyridinyl; pyridinyl

substituted with C₁₋₆alkyloxy, aryloxy or aryl; pyrimidinyl; quinolinyl; indole;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected

25 from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl;

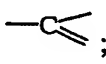
and R⁶ is hydrogen; halo; hydroxy; amino; nitro; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyl; trihaloC₁₋₆alkyloxy;


C₁₋₆alkyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxy; C₁₋₆alkylcarbonyl; C₁₋₆alkyloxycarbonyl;

C₁₋₆alkylsulfonyl; hydroxyC₁₋₆alkyl; aryloxy; di(C₁₋₆alkyl)amino; cyano; pyridinyl;

phenyl; or phenyl substituted with one or two substituents independently selected

30 from halo, C₁₋₆alkyl, C₁₋₆alkyloxy or trifluoromethyl.

4. A compound as claimed in claim 1 and 2 wherein t is 0 or 1; each Q is  ;
 each X is nitrogen; R¹ is -C(O)NH(OH); R² is hydrogen, hydroxy, C₁₋₆alkyl, or
 arylC₁₋₆alkyl; -L- is a bivalent radical selected from -NHC(O)- or -NHSO₂-;

— is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1;
 35 and each R⁵ is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.

5. A compound as claimed in claim 1, 2 and 4 wherein t is 1; each Q is $\text{---C}\equiv$; each X is nitrogen; each Y is nitrogen; each Z is ---O--- or $\text{---CH}_2\text{---}$; R^1 is ---C(O)NH(OH)--- ; R^2 is hydrogen; ---L--- is a bivalent radical selected from ---NHC(O)--- or $\text{---NHSO}_2\text{---}$;

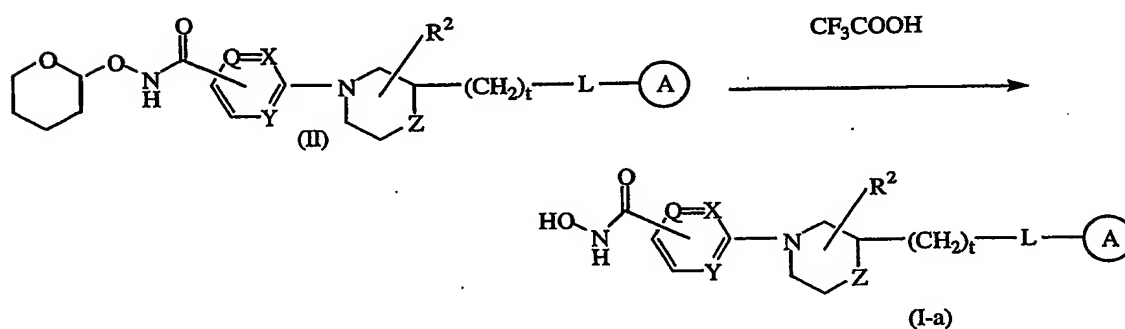
$\text{---}\textcircled{\text{A}}\text{---}$ is a radical selected from (a-1) or (a-20); each s is independently 0 or 1; and each R^5 is independently selected from hydrogen or phenyl.

6. A compound according to claim 1, 2, 4 and 5 selected from compounds No 4, No 10, No 8, No 6, No 1, No 12 and No 14.

Co. No. 4	Co. No. 10
Co. No. 8	Co. No. 6
(B); Co. No. 1	(A); Co. No. 12
Co. No. 14	

- 10 7. A pharmaceutical composition comprising pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and as an active ingredient a therapeutically effective amount of a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6.
- 15 8. A process of preparing a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 7 wherein the pharmaceutically acceptable carriers and a compound as claimed in claim 1 to 6 are intimately mixed.

9. A compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for use as a medicine.
10. Use of a compound as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of proliferative diseases.
11. A process for preparing a compound as claimed in claim 1, characterized by reacting an intermediate of formula (II) with an appropriate acid, such as for example, trifluoro acetic acid, yielding a hydroxamic acid of formula (I-a), wherein R^1 is $-C(O)NH(OH)$.



12. A method of detecting or identifying a HDAC in a biological sample comprising detecting or measuring the formation of a complex between a labelled compound as defined in claim 1 and a HDAC.
13. A combination of an anti-cancer agents and a HDAC inhibitor as claimed in any of claims 1 to 6.